

**School District of Green Lake
Minutes of the Board of Education
Special Meeting**

January 13, 2009

The special meeting of the Board of Education was held Tuesday, January 13, 2009 in the Library Media Center. The meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m. by President, Wendy Schultz.

Notice of this meeting was given to the Oshkosh Northwestern, the Fond du Lac Reporter, the Ripon Commonwealth Press, the Green Lake Reporter and Radio WRPN. In addition, notices of the meeting were posted in the display case of the school, at the Green Lake State Bank, the Green Lake Post Office, the First National Bank and on Laker Vision Channel 98.

Roll Call:

Present - Wendy Schultz, Gordon Farrell, Amy Pipho, Dennis Deyo, Celest King, Harley Reabe, Jodine Deppisch arrived at 4:30 p.m.

Absent - None

Also present – Superintendent, Ken Bates; Board Secretary, Shelley Eilbes, e. jon tracy, Principal, Rachael Ryf, Athletic Director, staff members, students and members of the community.

The meeting agenda was approved as written with the correction to the year from 2008 to 2009. Motion by King, seconded by Deyo. All ayes, motion carried.

Connection with the Community

PUBLIC COMMENTS

It was asked by the public if they could hear what the Board is discussing and then make comments.

Discussion/Informational Items:

**PARENT INPUT FROM COLLECTED
SURVERYS REGARDING CO-OP TEAMS**

Dennis Deyo reported on the survey results from the Listening Session Special meeting. 23 responses would like to join with Markesan, 19 responses would like to join with Princeton, and 2 responses had no comment as long as they get to play football.

Athletic Director Ryf commented on what Green Lake was looking for as to practices and games. Princeton has to go to their board yet for approval. Harley asked Rachel when she talked with Princeton. Rachel stated it was on December 21, 2008. She had more contact with Markesan.

Dennis questioned why the School Board was not involved prior. Harley questioned why the students were polled prior to notifying the School Board. Due to the time frame of getting approval from the WIAA the students were asked what they wanted and then from there it was discussed.

Parents asked if there were any concerns or questions from the Special Meeting on January 8, 2009.

If Montello combines w/Westfield, then Princeton will need Green Lake. Three to four years down the road there are a large number of students coming up for sports in the districts. The contract is for 2 years. If we would go with Markesan the cost would be \$100 for the jersey and decals would be put on the helmets. The parents concern about joining with Markesan is the 1 ½ hour travel time. When are the students going to get homework done?

Markesan indicated that all games would be played on their field. If we would join with Princeton/Montello, games would be split between all districts.

Harley commented that we need to look at just more than athletics. Parents concern is also looking at academics and what the schools have to offer.

Wendy asked Rachel what would happen if Montello pulled out. Rachel indicated that we would then just be with Princeton.

Parents indicated that all sports programs should be looked at. Currently Montello coops with Westfield for Cross Country and Track and with Princeton for football.

Rachel expressed concern that there may be a problem with girls' basketball as the district will be losing 5 seniors. It was brought up by those present that the parents also need to bond between the districts.

Dennis indicated that he was contacted by a concerned parent that the district should also look at cross country.

It was discussed that if we join with Markesan then we would be bumped a division in the playoffs.

The feeling from the parents present is that Markesan wants our athletes and Princeton/Montello wants the additional players to have two teams. The kids just want to play.

Gordy's concern is that the students get integrated with the other athletes.

Parents concern is that Markesan wants all games played by them.

Discussion among the board:
Harley's concern is the cost to the district. Markesan has indicated that they will pay for the cost of the program; Green Lake will need to pay for transportation of the players to practices and games.

Princeton/Montello would split costs and there would be 3 coaches from each school. Princeton also has uniforms. If joining with Markesan, then the players would need to purchase jerseys.

A decision needs to be made by January 20, 2009 by the districts. Then it goes to the athletic directors of the conference for approval, once approved at the conference level then it needs final approval by the WIAA.

The schools would need to meet to work out the details of the agreement.

Wendy's comments are that we need to look at the academic level of the schools and still need to work with other schools for future needs to include learning and teaching.

Celest's concerns are with having three schools joining.

Gordy likes the idea of Princeton, seems to give our students the best opportunity. Also Princeton and Montello have worked

together with the partnership and have developed a working plan. Amy has a daughter in the youth program and Markesan has more than one youth team. Seems that the numbers are more evenly matched with Princeton.

Discussion regarding 8-man football came into play that maybe the WIAA needs to look into this in the future.

Jodine is concerned about the distance to Markesan versus Princeton. Also Princeton has an established program and there seems to be more opportunities with Princeton.

Wendy commented that she has no strong opinion either way and has been contacted by lots of parents.

Gordy stated that the players need to ride the bus over and back for practices and the coach needs to ride as well. Should look into a waiver if the students have a valid driver's license or if the parents want to pick up the players.

Motion by Deppisch to form a Co-op with Princeton/Montello for Football only. Seconded by Reabe. Reabe also recommended that the district keep up the discussions for other sports as well. All ayes. Motion carried.

Dennis commented that a note should be drafted to Markesan thanking them from the Board for attending the meetings and for their input.

Motion by Pipho, seconded by Deppisch to adjourn the Special Meeting at 5:15 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

Michele (Shelley) Eilbes
Board Secretary

Wendy Schultz, President

Celest King, Clerk

Date